

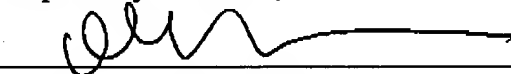
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**CONCLUSION**

Applicants submit that all claims are allowable as written and respectfully requests early favorable action by the Examiner. If the Examiner believes that a telephone conversation with Applicants' attorney would expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is cordially invited to call the undersigned attorney of record.

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**Marked-up Version of Claim Amendments**

67. An antibody which binds to a polypeptide comprising amino acid residues [264 to 294] 185 to 215 of SEQ ID NO: 6.
68. An antibody which binds to a polypeptide consisting of amino acid residues [264 to 294] 185 to 215 of SEQ ID NO: 6.
72. An antibody which binds to a polypeptide comprising at least four contiguous amino acid residues of the sequence of residues [264 to 294] 185 to 215 of SEQ ID NO: 6.
73. An antibody which binds to a polypeptide consisting at least four contiguous amino acid residues of the sequence of residues [264 to 294] 185 to 215 of SEQ ID NO: 6.